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On the Street

By Ross Woodson

My hat is off, to our genial Postmaster, R. T. Rieger for the many added services at the Post Office, most of us just take it for granted that our Postmasters get all their instructions from the HEAD MAN, and is well paid for the job but maybe not, calling for the mail the other morning at my usual hour, 6 a. m., I found a slip in my box stating that the South bound F. W. & Denver ZEPHYR train was 4 hours late—well, this doesn't seem to amount to a great deal, but it saved me and others of our force many trips to the office in the 4 hours of the busiest days of the year.

Due to the fact that Christmas comes on Wednesday of next week the Messenger force urges that all news correspondents send in their writings not later than next Monday. The Messenger force would like to observe Christmas and at the same time see that you get your copy of the paper on time. Merchants are also urged to let us have their ad copy as early as possible.

Last week, through the cooperation of many individuals and organizations of Wise County, we were able to print the largest edition that has ever been published by any newspaper in this county. This is the opinion of old timers who have been in Wise County ever since the first Messenger was printed in 1880 at Paradise. It was then known as the "Paradise Messenger."

Last Sunday would have been an appropriate day for Christmas. Several trees were damaged as a result of so much ice, which broke limbs and in some cases caused the whole tree to fall.

A new family arriving in Decatur to make their home last Saturday is C. C. Langston and wife. This young couple formerly lived at Ennis. He will be on the sales force of the T. P. & L. Langston asked that we also mention that he and the wife are also accompanied by their dog.

Couple to Celebrate Wedding Anniversary Xmas Day

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Woodruff of Paradise, Texas, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas day. An open house from 2:00 to 5:00 Christmas afternoon is planned for the celebration and all friends are invited to call. The ten children, with the grandchildren are expected home for the occasion and join in the invitation.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage license were issued the past week to J. M. Crowmover and Eleanor Clemans, December 6.
B. F. Hale and Mattie Fennell on December 12th.
James Jennings Jr. and Helen Thorn on December 14th.
Roy Watkins and Elita Imogene Benkley on December 15th.
T. C. Haynes and Mary V. May on December 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bowden were Christmas shopping in Fort Worth one day last week.



Fireworks Asked to Be Kept Out of City During Holidays

Hayes Dunaway, City Marshall, urges that parents direct the use of fireworks by their children during the holidays.

Dunaway states that he doesn't want Christmas marred in Decatur by someone losing an eye or suffering some other injury through a carelessly thrown fire cracker. He also warns against the danger of fires and urges safety in all Christmas celebrations.

Every year we read of persons suffering from burns when their clothing catches on fire from fireworks. Old people are sometimes upset by the noises and for this reason all noise making rockets or crackers should be set off on a vacant lot where it will not disturb anyone.

It is especially necessary that no fireworks are set off on the public square by children or adults, states Marshal Dunaway.

Wedding of Miss Alice Barrett Is Announced

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Alice Barrett and Alvis Bolton of Athens was made last Thursday evening at a lovely party at the home of Mrs. J. A. Simmons with Miss Jewell Patterson co-hostess.

Beautiful floral arrangements of varying shades of pink decorated the open rooms. The living room was a profusion of pink roses and carnations. The dining table was most artistic with arrangements of pink roses, snap dragons, and plumosa fern. Two pink candles was on either end of the table, and streamers of satin ribbon with gold letters Alice and Al Jan. 1, 1940, was spread the full length of the table. On the buffet was an arrangement of five pink candles in large candleholders.

Miss Isabelle Hunt greeted the guests at the door, and introduced them to the receiving line which was composed of Mrs. Simmons, Miss Patterson, Miss Barrett, and Miss Ruth Farquhar. All members of the receiving line wore corsages of pink ranunculus. Miss Barrett, bride-elect, wore a white broadcloth taffeta gown with an orchid corsage.

Miss Jean Eaton presided at the register. Mrs. Harlan Brown directed the guests to the refreshment table and Misses Jennie Lee Paschall, and Aquilla Faye Young presided at the punch bowl and served small round open faced sandwiches which carried out the color theme of pink. Miss Lennie Blewett played the piano during the evening. All members of the houseparty wore pink gladioli corsage.

Miss Barrett who has served for the past year as Assistant Home Demonstration Agent of Wise County is to be married January 1, in Huntsville, her home town, to Alvis Bolton of Athens. Mr. Bolton is a State Game Warden.

Bryant Truitt of TWC is home for the Christmas holidays.

Hon. Judge J. E. Carter Clearing Docket In Court

District Court being held in Decatur courts for this week has been progressing nicely under the able District Judge, Hon. J. E. Carter and his Assistants.

Cases that have been tried up to Thursday morning are:

Homer Gotcher, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property, sentence was four years suspended sentence.

David F. Kemp, charged with auto theft, 5 cases, 2 years each, sentence was 6 years in the penitentiary.

Luther Dunavin, charged with damaging railroad property, received a three year suspended sentence.

Carl W. Powers, charged with theft at \$50, received a three year

suspended sentence.

Willie Hardee, charged with burglary, received a five year suspended sentence.

Bob Schmidhorst, charged with burglary, received a two year suspended sentence.

The following cases have been set but have not been tried up to press time Thursday:

Bill Whiteman, charged with receiving stolen property.

Lewis Summerville, charged with theft of \$50 value.

John Blackburn, charged with being intoxicated.

Lloyd Quillian, charged with burglary.

Weldon Cox, charged with receiving stolen property.

James (Cotton) Evans, charged with driving while intoxicated.

Banks Davis, charged with child desertion.

Bert Dickerson, charged with child desertion.

W. B. Bishop, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

L. H. Harwick, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

Mrs. Edith Myers, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

J. D. Ray, charged with assault to murder.

Shirley Stockman, charged with assault to murder.

Post Office to Be Open Next Sunday From 1:00 to 3:00

The Parcel Post and stamp windows at the Decatur Post Office will be open Sunday from 1:00 until 3:00 p. m. Postmaster Rieger announced today. This is being done in an effort to speed up the delivery and dispatch of the holiday mails, and for the benefit of those whose working hours prohibit their reaching the office during the regular.

In addition, the local office will remain open evenings until 8:00 p. m., beginning Thursday night and extending through Monday night, December 23. Furthermore, rural carriers will be on duty at the rural delivery entrance Saturday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons to expedite the delivery of mail to rural patrons.

Martha Belew, Bride-Elect, Honored At Shower

Announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Martha Virginia Belew, popular member of Decatur's younger set, to Mr. Cecil Medlin of Lamesa was made at a bridal shower given for the bride-to-be at Rogers Hall last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Misses Mary Ruth Patton and Mada Walker were co-hostesses. Miss Belew is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Belew-Dunaway of this city.

Martha and Cecil December 23, outlined in velvet letters on the large round mirror above the mantel was the background of the lovely floral decorations. A large poinsettia accented the registering table where Miss Catherine Collins presided. Green cedar and bright red candles were artistically arranged on the mantel. Miss Mary Ruth Patton greeted the guests as they arrived. Miss Bess Coleman played softly during the presentation of the gifts.

A cream lace cloth covered the table which stood at one end of the hall, with green cedar, red candles and a (Continued on page eight)

COTTON QUOTA ELECTION

The cotton quota election recently held in Wise County was 4,764 for, and 570 against. Results by boxes are as follows, according to County Agent D. F. Eaton:

	For	Against
Decatur	88	8
Greenwood	43	12
Park Springs	20	0
Crafton	14	0
Bridgeport	40	7
Chico	43	12
Paradise	5	8
Boyd	65	2
Rhine	62	2
Slidell	51	1
Alvord	23	4
Boonsville	22	1

Church to Have Midnight Mass

Midnight mass will be held at the Church of Assumption of the Virgin Mary on Christmas morning.

The program will begin 15 minutes before the mass or at 11:45 p. m. on December 24.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Renshaw Is Honored With Shower December 17

Misses Walter Stokes, O. J. Van Meter, Nolan Sewell, and Miss Isabelle Hunt entertained on the evening of December 17, at Rogers Parlors, with a shower, honoring Miss Hanna Marie Renshaw, bride-elect of Mr. Alex G. Warren of College Station.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Renshaw of Decatur.

She is a graduate of Decatur Baptist College and received her B. A. Degree from North Texas State Teachers College, Denton. For two years Miss Renshaw taught in Alvord, Texas. She is a past president of the Junior Women's Club of Decatur. For the past year she has been employed in College Station.

Mr. Warren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Warren, 2309 Aster, Fort Worth. He is a graduate student and assistant professor at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. He is assistant state inspector in the poultry department.

Miss Renshaw and Mr. Warren will be married at high noon on December (Continued on page eight)

Perkins-Timberlake To Give Xmas Bonus To Sales People

Announcement was made by R. M. Tittle, General Manager of Perkins-Timberlake Company, that all regular employees who have been with their store for one year or more will receive a Christmas check for one week's salary, and those who have been in their employ for six months or less than a year will receive one-half week's pay.

This Christmas bonus is given in addition to the regular gifts that all employees will receive.

Order of The Eastern Star

The Decatur Chapter No. 543, Order of the Eastern Star held a regular meeting November 17th, with Mrs. Ha Mae Carson presiding in the East. In behalf of the officers and members, Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Rogers presented a beautiful Eastern Star Bible Chapter. The Bible is lettered with gold and has pages for the names of past matrons and past patrons for future records.

The Bible bears the Eastern Star emblem, a complete history of the organization, and final ribbon representing the star points to be used for book markers. The fly leaf contains the names of the donors, Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Rogers. This was one time "Sister" (Continued on page eight)

Miss McCormick and Mr. O'Neal Are Wed

Miss Tommie McCormick, Blewett daughter of Mrs. J. M. McCormick, became the bride of Mr. Ray O'Neal, of Fort Worth, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. O'Neal, Blewett in a single ring ceremony, Saturday, December 7, at 5:00 p. m. The wedding was in the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Nelson, Seminary Hill.

Candles furnished the only light, and only close friends and relatives attended.

The bride wore a powder rose dress of wool crepe with black accessories.

Immediately following the ceremony Mrs. Nelson entertained with a reception for a few guests present.

The couple are making their home at 2709 South Jennings, Fort Worth.

J. J. Gallaher and J. A. Rix Guests of Local Lions Club

J. J. Gallaher of Graham, Texas, and J. A. Rix of Fort Worth, presented and explained various phases of the work carried on by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at the Lions Club Luncheon Wednesday. Emphasis was placed on a bill to provide centralized control, management and budget procedure of State receipts and disbursements at Austin, which will be introduced during the next legislature.

They stated that the bill would lower the number of state departments and would reduce operating costs of Texas government several million dollars each year. The bill is the result of several months research and is working successfully in other states at present.

Musical entertainment was furnished by the Decatur High School Choral Club under direction of Miss Elouise Mauldin.

Several directors of the local Chamber of Commerce were also luncheon guests and after adjournment of the Lions Club the Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution to support the West Texas Chamber in attempting to pass laws that would cause Texas to be run on a business basis.

E. R. Williams, president of both organizations, presided for both meetings.

Christmas Pageant To Be Held at Methodist Church

On December 22 at 7 o'clock, the First Methodist Church will be the place of real Christmas celebration. A pageant is being directed by Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner, as is her annual custom. Those taking part are young people from all churches of Decatur. For very many years our city has had the privilege of witnessing a similar dramatic production for which it's capable director is due a great deal of credit.

Mrs. Baumgartner, a former school teacher, was organizer for the Methodist church before the old building burned. She recalls that the building stood where the tabernacle now is. It faced west and the pulpit was in the east end, with the organ on the left of the pulpit. Ever since that time, her unusually faithful service has been an inspiration to both young and old. She has served as Sunday school teacher, musical director, councillor of young people, and superintendent of children. Her one great desire is that people may know the real meaning and significance of Christmas. The public is cordially invited to the following program:

Part I—At the door of the Inn. Prelude—O Come all ye faithful. Invocation Sentence. Choral Speaking—Star of Bethlehem.

The Spirit of Christmas. At the Door of the Inn. Song—Peace for the Weary. A Prayer for Peace. A Legend of Cathay. Song—First Noel. The Shepherds and Angel Chorus. Song—Long Years Ago. Bethlehem Women. Song—O Little Town of Bethlehem. Part II—The Adoration. Song—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Light Bearers. Song—It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.

Bible Mother and Manger. Heralds.

A Visit to the Nativity. Song—The Holy City. Girls With Gifts. Song—There's a Song in the Air. Offer Gifts Present Gifts. Away in a Manger. Silent Night. Hallelujah Chorus. Benediction.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Sunday School 10 a. m. every Sunday.)

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject next Sunday, "Christ, The Prince of Peace."

Every one is Welcome. W. C. Shults, S. S. Supt.

Q. E. S. Members don't forget the Christmas Party at the Rogers Apartments December 20th., 7:30 p. m. Bring your family.

More Than Five Hundred People Visit the Opening of New Christian Funeral Home

In spite of the extreme cold last Sunday, over 500 persons called at the new C. L. Christian Funeral Home for its formal opening.

Over 400 registered and an estimated hundred failed to register. The entire funeral home was decorated with large baskets of Chrysanthemums, Gladiolas and other beautiful flowers, sent by friends.

Each visitor was escorted through the home and upon leaving was given their new 1941 religious calendar, which is given each year by Mr. Christian.

Christian, almost as many people have visited his funeral home since Sunday as did on that day.

Many of the visitors were from out of town and expressed surprise at the fine home that Christian has erected. Many stated that it was the most perfect, in detail, of any funeral home they had ever seen.

Many exclaimed over the beautiful picture of Christ, with it's illuminated halo and realistic appearance, which is in the chapel.

Christian cordially invites anyone, who could not call during the formal opening, to visit the home at any time.

EDITORIALS



Tomorrow—What?

If there is any one thing on which the statesmen of the world are agreed, it is the fact, that today we are living in the greatest and most rapid evolutionary age the world has ever known. Every phase of human life is in process of the most gigantic inversion ever to be recorded.

Naturally, the great question in every mind is, what will be the result?

The old order is giving way to the new. From out of the old, a new world is being born.

As might be expected, the forces of greed and the lusts of conquest are joined together, to subdue liberty, make of this world a child of their own. But their efforts shall not go unchallenged, neither in the end shall they win.

How long this struggle shall continue, or what the cost in sacrifices, we cannot say. Yet they must be met—that much is certain. For our whole religious, social and economic structures, our racial rights and our liberties are being set upon by an organized force that this world has never had to face before.

It may be we will have to defend these priceless rights with the sword. Let us not be misled, for there are loose over the whole face of the earth, intricate monsters, more formidable than the force of arms. These intricate monsters are at work in every vital branch of our structure. Through them, every dastardly force of destruction known is being hurled at the very heart of freedom.

These evil forces are at work in every part of our social and religious structure, our schools, our churches and our social organizations. They have rigged themselves into our financial institutions and even our governing and law making bodies are not free of them.

It is true, that out of the dark ages was evolved the present great form of democratic government. Out of the present great social struggle will surely come a greater form of justice and equality. Racial prejudice and religious intolerance must be transformed into a unity of purpose and accomplishment. New and greater equality must be had, universal education and a fit training for life. There must be born a new world, in which all men shall enjoy the rights of liberty.

We cannot sit complacently by if we expect to preserve the freedom we have learned to love. We are not challenging, we have been challenged. On our part, it is not a move of aggression, but a hand to hand fight in the defense of our liberties. Shall we defend and preserve our liberty for centuries?

The hope of the world lies in the resources and ingenuity of America. We must not, we cannot fail to give the world a better and greater tomorrow.—Universal Farmer.

It Has Been Done

A recent announcement by the United States Department of Agriculture should carry some encouragement to those farmers and stockmen who might hold to the opinion that certain diseases among stock cannot be eradicated. The announcement is to the effect that the entire United States has been practically freed of bovine tuberculosis, the infection having been reduced to less than one-half of one per cent.

This has been no easy job as it has required the services of a large group of well trained men and has taken 23 years to accomplish. Literally millions of cattle have been given the tubercular test. They have been tested and retested in many instances and in the course of the work some new processes have been developed that have made for more effective work and eventually hastening the end of the task.

The accomplishment has had and will continue to have its benefits to the health of mankind, since the bovine tuberculosis is the type transmissible to man.—Universal Farmer.

The Melting Pot Still Melts

On certain days in almost every federal court a big batch of foreigners take oath of allegiance to the United States, thus becoming full fledged citizens of the land. There are names like Andryjan, Blazevich, Bindofer, Schmidt, Van Dusen, Csaszar, Greenstein, Jejol, Kavasznitska, Mooney, Tsopanis, Chrisantopoulos, suggesting many sections of Europe.

To these people America has been "home" for five years—perhaps more. Now they know America. They have, perhaps, lost some of their illusions. But to them even on America forced to have a peace time conscription, to enact high taxes, to fight unemployment and depression in certain lines of industry—even this America still looked to them like the last, best hope in the entire world.

Addressing them, a kindly federal judge speaks these wise words:

"America truly welcomes you. This country's superiority depends upon the services of its servants."

It is another way of affirming that the melting pot still melts.

Yuletide Just Ahead

Whatever one's position in life, there isn't a single person in this part of the state who isn't cheered by the glad announcement that Christmas is just around the corner! . . . The happiest season of the year, when we may offer thanks for living in the best country on earth today.

Moves have been inaugurated recently to make this Yuletide a "Cotton Christmas," an occasion for giving gifts that would help reduce our burdensome surplus in America, at the same time renew ties with loved ones and friends with appropriate remembrances.

And as the holiday season draws near, we should be a very thankful people that we can purchase, right here in Snyder, almost any type of gift the joyful heart could desire. Unlike many unfortunate European residents, who will face a Christmas barren of meats and other good things that make Christmas what it is, we are free to purchase any kind of food we would like to have through the holiday season.

And in our Yuletide shopping, we should buy our presents as soon as possible, so a last-minute rush would not get soul and body in a state of nervous frenzy, and should mail or express parcels to distant points in ample time . . . These, and other things will help to make this Yuletide the type of joyful occasion it should be!

Flank Attacks on The Pocket Book

These are hard and trying times for the patient American taxpayer. That admirable citizen realizes there are certain city, state and national expenses that must be incurred. He knows the bulk of the money for these necessary things must be raised by taxation in some form or other.

But what he objects to—and rightly so—are the often concealed flank attacks upon his thinning pocketbook, the nagging assaults embodied in a multitude of bills passed without rhyme or reason.

The National Consumers Tax Commission, Inc., estimates that the 43 state legislatures, which meet next year, will consider more than 60,000 bills, of which 11,000 are tax measures.

The commission predicts that, if sedons run true to form, they will enact 1,800 of the latter, or an average of about 42 per state. It would seem a good moment to call for a moratorium on most of these.

We're beginning to believe that you can't keep a good ship down either. The Bremen has been sunk how many times now?

Bowen Mainliners Have Christmas Rates



Blackford, agent for Bowen Motor coaches has announced that there will be Twelve Schedules Daily for the convenience of the public. In an ad in another part of the Messenger, the time and price is given.

DECATUR WISERS MEET

"It's the Way You Play the Game," "Swell Head," and "It's Hard to Be a Good Loser," were the three talks given Tuesday, December 10 in the Decatur Wisers (Homemaking Club) regular meeting.

Mr. Mote began the series of talks: "It's the Way You Play the Game." He told the club that the purpose of playing the game was to develop good sportsmanship and make the players good-all-around individuals. He even went farther by showing how football (in particular) did develop good sportsmanship. He gave an example of poor sportsmanship in a coach who "Wanted to win—fair or unfair." He also recited a little poem to bring out his point. In conclusion he complimented the club and teacher, Miss Neely, for their fine work.

"Swell Heads" by Jane Hoyle brought out the point that to get along with others and to reach the goals we are striving to achieve we must see others as they see us. Just because we are successful in some undertaking does not give us room to get the

"Big Head." We are just little fish in a great big pool and the sooner we realize it the better off we will be.

"It's Hard to Be a Good Loser," by Kathryn Jackson concluded the program. She told the Decatur-Wisers that a gentleman wins as he loses—gracefully. She pointed out that life is a game and if we played we are successful. If we lose in some way and make the best of it, it can be said that we are graceful losers.

FOR SALE—A good upright Starr Piano.—See Mrs. Connie Shults, Decatur.

FOR SALE—600 egg incubator, separator, farming tools.—See Reed's Washateria, Phone 221, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE—One walking cultivator; one iron wheel wagon.—S. A. Phillips, Decatur, Rte. 1.

FOR SALE—60 lbs. country lard at 8 1-2c per lb.—Mrs. Robert Howard, Rte. 1, Greenwood, Texas.

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- SHIRTS 1.00
- TIES 1.00
- SWEATERS 1.00
- PAJAMAS 1.00
- BELTS 1.00
- SUSPENDERS 1.00
- JEWELRY 1.00
- GLOVES 1.00
- SCARFS 1.00
- SHAVING SETS 1.00
- HOUSE SHOES 1.00
- SCARFS 1.00
- PHOENIX SOX, 3 for . . . 1.00

For Little Brother

- Dress Gloves 49c to 1.00
- Dress Pants 1.00 to 1.98
- House Shoes 1.00
- Edis 25c and 50c
- Socks, pair 10c to 35c
- Handkerchiefs 5c to 10c
- Jackets 1.98 to 6.98
- Helmets, Toboggans . . . 25c, 50c
- Suspenders 25c
- Shirts 10c and 35c
- Pajamas 79c and 1.00
- Two Trouser Suits . . . 7.95, 10.95
- Hats 1.00
- Shirts and Shorts 1.00
- Each 15c and 25c
- Sweaters 1.00 to 1.98

For Little Sister

- Satin Gowns 1.00 to 1.98
- Robes 2.98
- Pajamas 79c to 1.98
- Bags 29c to 50c
- Dresses 50c to 1.98
- Slips 49c
- Anklets & Socks, pr 15c to 79c
- Handkerchiefs 10c to 25c
- Gloves 50c
- Sweaters 1.00 to 1.98
- For trim coats 5.95
- Parker Hoods 49c and 79c
- Panties 10c to 25c

FOR HER AT 1.00

- GIFT SETS 1.00
- HOSIERY 1.00
- GLOVES 1.00
- BAGS 1.00
- COLOGNES 1.00
- BELTS 1.00
- BOXED STATIONERY . . . 1.00
- BEDSPREADS 1.00
- BATH SETS 1.00
- TOWELS 1.00
- CURTAINS 1.00
- SHEETS 1.00
- OVER NIGHT CASES . . . 1.00
- GOWNS, PAJAMAS 1.00
- HOUSE DRESSES 1.00
- SWEATERS, BLOUSES . . . 1.00
- SEWING KITS 1.00
- COSTUME JEWELRY 1.00
- SLIPS 1.00
- BED JACKETS 1.00

FOR HIM At 50c

- SUSPENDERS 50c
- RAYON SHIRTS 50c
- AND SHORTS, each . . . 50c
- TIES 50c
- SOX SUPPORTERS 50c
- BELTS 50c
- HANDKERCHIEFS 50c
- SCARFS 50c
- GLOVES 50c
- MANHATTAN 50c
- UNDEWEAR, each . . . 50c
- SHAVING SETS 50c
- CAPS 50c
- SOCKS, 2 pair 50c
- HANDKERCHIEFS 2 for 50c

FOR HER At 50c

- PANTIES 50c
- SLIPS 50c
- BAGS 50c
- LUNCH CLOTHS 50c
- SCARFS 50c
- BOXED STATIONERY . . . 50c
- SOAP & GIFT SETS . . . 50c
- TALCUM 50c
- BATH TOWELS 50c
- HANDKERCHIEFS 50c
- BELTS 50c
- TEA TOWELS 50c

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- BABY BANKS 50c
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- JAR SETS 1.00 to 1.98
- SNAP SHOT RECORD BOOKS . . 50c to 1.00
- THERMOMETER SETS . . . 1.00
- PILLOWS 1.00
- BLANKETS 50c and 1.00
- DRESSES 50c and 1.00
- PATTERNS 29c
- REAMER SETS 50c
- SWEATERS 60c and 1.00
- SWEATER, CAP AND BOOTEE SET . . 1.98
- LEGGING SUITS 1.98
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- QUILTS 1.00
- CAPS 39c and 50c

Decatur Merchants Are Well Stocked With Many Fine Things in Anticipation of A Genuine Old-Time American Christmas

Finest Texas Fruits, Vegetables and Home-Grown Products Being Featured Here in One of the Most Beautiful Displays in History

With the nation-wide spirit which prevails for a genuine old-time American Christmas, it is very apparent there will be a revival of the age-old custom of filling the stocking and decorating the tree with fruits and nuts. There will be gay red Cranberries and white Popcorn strung for the tree, with a big red apple and orange, along with a bag of nuts, for everyone.

In America, the Christmas dinner table will be laden as never before, for never have you had a larger or finer assortment of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, nuts and delicacies of all kinds from which to choose. Fresh California Dates, Calvos, Big Red Delicious apples, D'Anjou Pears, and beautiful citrus fruits from California and the Magic Valley of the Rio Grande, are here to add their flavor for the holiday celebrations. Priced within the reach of all.

Retail grocers of Decatur are well prepared to take care of your requirements, for they have been able to make personal selections from the finest and most complete stock of fruits and new crop nuts ever assembled. The finest brands and pack of selected fruits, vegetables and nuts will be found here.

Another thought at this season of the year, is what to give that will be appropriate and appreciated and at the same time won't cost too much. The boys in military service also offer a special problem this Christmas.

What would they like?

If you are looking for a gift that is sure to please everyone, and one that will stand out as a distinguished remembrance among any array of gifts, remember our own native Texas products—Texas Grapefruit, the famed "Pinkmeat" as well as the plain "Marsh Seedless" variety, and Texas Pecans . . . which are "Nature's Gifts in Perfect Taste."

These Texas products are world renowned, they are beautiful and appealing to the appetite, and make a universally acceptable gift, which will carry anywhere in perfect condition.

For something typical of Texas, you can't go wrong giving Texas Products. Such naturally delicious things are appetizing, attractive, appropriate and appreciated.

Pie Supper at Union Hill Dec. 20th.

There will be a pie supper at Union Hill on Friday night, December 20. A contest will be held for the spariest couple.

All proceeds will go to the church building fund. Everybody come and bring someone with you. We guarantee you a nice time.—Reporter.

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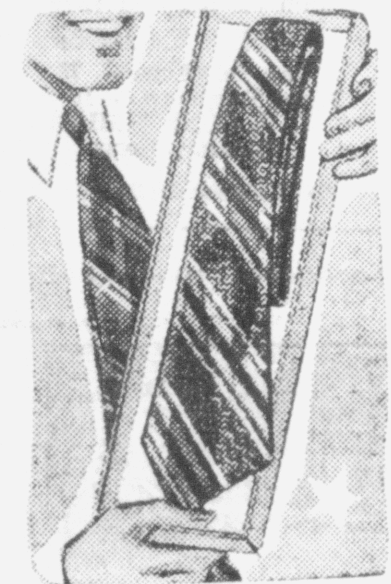


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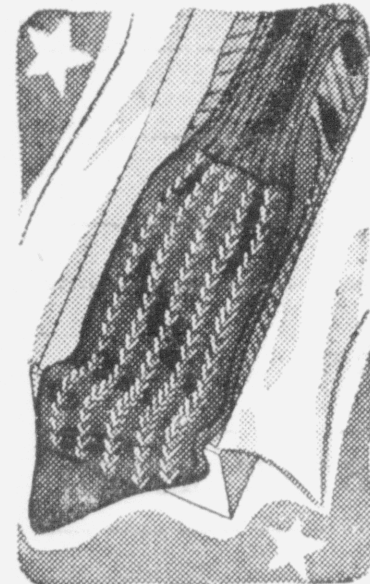
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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

By Dr. Skygag

My best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my two readers is an age old wish—simply expressed—but I want each of you to know that it comes from the heart and in all sincerity.

Many centuries ago a bright star led the wise men of the East to the lowly manger in which was cradled the new born babe whose teachings were destined to light a path of faith and hope for all the generations to come. To many in distant lands that star of hope seems dim indeed today, but that it still does shine, those oppress-

ed millions do not, in their hearts, for one moment doubt. Heartsick, weary, and sore oppressed though they may be—lacking in the material things that bring an added joy to the Yuletide season—yet you may be sure the spirit of Christmas will be there to give them comfort and hope.

How vastly more fortunate are we of America and how much more grateful should our Yuletide be. For here we still gather with our families or friends secure in a country where the light of true freedom burns brightly and where individual opportunity still abounds.

Because of this priceless heritage I think there will be an added warmth this Yuletide, for perhaps more clearly than ever will we appreciate the many blessings that are ours to en-

joy. And we will go forth into the Bright New Year of 1941—you and I—more determined than ever to make the most of the great opportunities that await us.

It is from my heart, and I know it is from yours, with deeper meaning than ever, that we shall give that age old greeting—ever new—"A very merry merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

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Your truly,

S. D. MORRIS.

Mr. and Mrs. James Belew and Johnny Hale of Fort Worth visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Williams of Larado visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker last week-end.

Mrs. D. A. Hutcheson and Mrs. Embury Hines of Bridgeport visited here last Wednesday.

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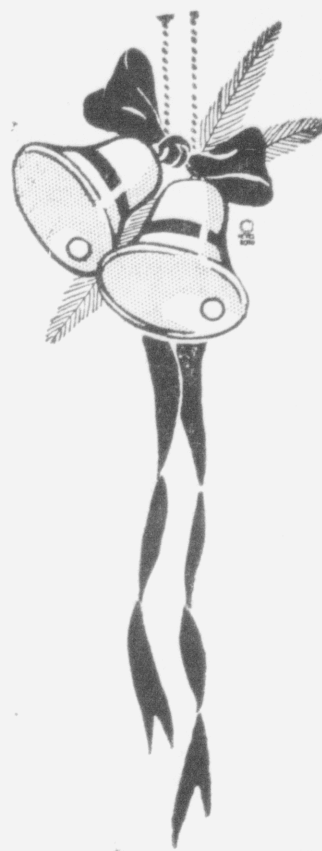
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Notes From the County Agent Office

BY D. F. EATON

Wise County AAA Committeemen

The following personnel will make up the community and county committees in the Wise County Agricultural Adjustment Administration for 1941.

The county committee will consist of A. B. Van Meter, Chairman, Guy A. Collier, and E. B. (Cap) Brown.

The community committeemen are as follows: In the Chico-Alvord-Park Springs area, Earl Stone, Kenneth Duck, and T. T. Watson. In the Decatur-Greenwood-Siddell area, Jewel Mara, W. D. Phillips and E. B. Fortenberry Jr. In the Rhone-Boyd-Blewett area, George I. Taylor, Joe Thurmond and Carl Slay. In the Bridgeport-Paradise-Beonsville area, John Bill Rowlin, M. A. Lineham and Dewey Hartsell.

These men will assume the responsibilities of their respective duties at once.

The cotton referendum in the South gave an overwhelming majority for cotton quotas next year. Therefore, cotton allotments will be in effect on the various cotton farms this year. In the state of Texas eighty per cent of the growers favored the restriction program.

Dairy Cows on Winter Grazing

Most dairymen in the county have provided some winter grazing by growing small grain, winter grass, or in some cases winter legumes.

Since the average Jersey cow that gives two gallons of milk per day requires at least twenty lbs. of dry matter to satisfy her needs and since green grass or grain is about 85 per cent water, she could not possibly eat enough green feed to satisfy her entire need. Therefore, she should have

available all the good dry hay, such as Johnson grass, sorghum, prairie, etc. she can eat. Peanut hay is an excellent supplemental hay but is rich in proteins.

Also some variation in the grain fed is necessary. A combination of 300 lbs. ground corn, 100 lbs. ground oats or barley and 100 lbs. of cottonseed meal is a good combination when cows are on green pasture.

Cows sometimes get too much green stuff, causing them to scour which is injurious to them and can be remedied by supplying some dry hay as a supplement to the green grazing.

The Agricultural Outlook

Extension Economist Morgan makes the following observations:

Our economic structure will be affected by the defense program and years abroad for the next and coming years.

Increased expenditures for defense and increased exports of industrial products point to a materially higher level of industrial activity, employment, industrial pay rolls and income of non-agricultural consumers in general.

This will probably result in an improved consumer demand for meats, dairy and poultry products, fruits and vegetables.

It is hoped that unemployment will be cut in half which will increase consumer demand.

The present trend indicates a low export demand for farm products in the immediate future. Foreign markets are almost completely shut off and the British blockade permits only a limited amount of products to pass through.

There is little to indicate an increase in cotton or wheat exports at any time soon.

A slight increase in the level of wholesale prices is expected. There may be an increase of farm products used on the domestic market, if we have an increased consumer demand.

The defense program will increase the demand for certain raw material and semi-finished products, and for skilled and semi-skilled labor which may increase cost and prices in industries not directly affected by it. However, cash income from farm marketing is expected to be higher in 1941, especially from livestock and their products. Higher cost will probably maintain.

A Worth While Show

Everyone should be interested in seeing the moving picture entitled "Power and the Land" to be shown in the local theatre here in Decatur on December 29 and 30. This picture will be shown with the feature picture on that date.

The above picture is in technicolor and will take about thirty-six minutes to run. This is a production of the United States Department of Agriculture and deals with certain phases of rural electrification.

This is perhaps one of the very best and most recent of the many popular pictures now provided by the government.

Again may we urge that the rural as well as the urban people see this picture. We want to assure you that you will not be disappointed.

Mr. R. B. Tinney, Manager of the local REA is to be congratulated on securing this picture for the benefit of his local rural patrons.

WATCH PARADISE

By Mrs. Alyn Gentry

On Tuesday evening, December 24, there will be a Christmas tree in the high school gymnasium. All buses will make their usual routes. Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Santa Claus will be present and will remember everyone. This Santa is a particularly generous one in that he remembers the good and the naughty and the old and young alike. We hope that the parents of the boys and girls of our school district will see that our children are present to enjoy this wonderful Christmas spirit. School holidays date from December 20 to December 30. We want everyone to enjoy the holidays, but we hope you will be back in school December 30, ready for work!

Bridgeport volley ball and basket ball teams met local teams for games here last Wednesday evening. Even though Bridgeport girls defeated our girls, we enjoyed the games because of the sportsmanship of both teams.

Paradise boys were victorious. These were the first games to be played at home this season. We think our boys and girls are making an excellent start, and we are looking forward to other interesting games in the near future.

On the near future Paradise school is to have a federal work-shop. We are eager for all citizens to understand this program thoroughly in order that they will give it their full support and take advantage of the opportunities it offers our young men. The U. S. government has allotted Texas one-half million dollars to be used in setting up these shops in connection with Vocational Agriculture Departments. All shop equipment is bought from the

fund, and the teachers' entire salary is paid from it. The only part the Paradise school has is to furnish the boys and the building. Wood-working, metal, motors, and electricity are the four units to be taught.

Any young man between the ages of 17 and 24, married or single, may enroll for the work. He may complete one of the above named courses in eight weeks, or all of them in thirty-two weeks. After the completion of any course, the student is given a diploma and his name is turned in for employment. The government realizes that we have a large number of young men out of school who are not equipped to do any work well. The purpose of this shop is to teach each individual some skilled labor to train him for employment which will be furnished through government employment Bureaus. Those who are employed may attend school at night. As few as fifteen hours per week may be used, but to complete a course in eight weeks a boy should spend forty hours per week in the shop.

The young men of our community are eager for this opportunity. So, you see, the first local requirement has been met. It is now up to the mothers and fathers to furnish the building and the school will become a reality. The shop must afford approximately twelve hundred square feet of space. About twelve hundred dollars worth of equipment will be placed in the building by the federal government. The V. A. boys may use the building when it is not to be used by the other classes, and at the end of the training period all equipment is to be given to the local school.

The Paradise school board is calling an election to give you an opportunity to express your wishes concerning this important matter. We hope that you give it proper consideration, and if you decide that it is a worthwhile undertaking you will vote for the bond which will make it a reality. Be a school booster!

Lake Valley News

By Edna Dyer

I am sorry folks, but your scribe has been so shut in the past week, I haven't been able to get our "little news" for the week. But we have had some nice icy weather up here. Turkey selling and hog killing seems to be the order of the day.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas.
EDNA DYER.

Farmers Exchange

Free to Wise County Farmers

FOR SALE—Gentle cow, giving milk now, will be fresh again June 1. Worth the money, \$40.—J. R. Poole, Decatur, Texas, Rte. 1.

FOR SALE—Shetland Pony, sure enough gentle for any kid.—Dump

Dunaway, Decatur.

FOR SALE—One brown mare, 8 years old, a cream separator and a hog feeder.—H. M. Branch, Greenwood Rt.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1940 V-8 Coach, excellent, only 8,000 miles. Will accept older car or cattle in trade, see or write.—J. L. Myrick, Bridgeport, Texas.

FOR SALE—Jersey Cow, 5 months old in spring, freshen in about two months.—Red Watkins, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Smooth month mare, one six month old colt. See or write G. K. Taylor, Route 1, Decatur, Texas.

WANT TO BUY—A one or two room shack real cheap. Write or see S. W. Miller, 8 miles southwest of Decatur. (Route one).

NOTICE—I have a stray calf about 8 or 9 months old at my place. Owner may obtain same by identifying it.—J. G. New, Rte. 2, Decatur.

BABY BEE Turkeys for sale. Tome, \$8.00.—T. J. Tinney.

WILL PAY CASH for a lease on 200 or 250 acres of grass land. Would consider anything located close to any town in Wise County.—See or Write W. C. Daily, Decatur, Texas, Rte. 4.

FOR LEASE—70 acres of improved farm land for lease five miles west of Decatur in the Valley View Community. Plenty of good water. Terms \$75.00 cash.—See or write Mrs. Neva Long, Rte. 1, Electra, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Montgomery Ward hammermill engine. Would like to buy good disc harrow.—See or write J. R. White, 8 miles south of town.

FAR FOR LEASE—144 acres, 2 1-2 miles north of Boyd, good improvements, part bottom land, everlasting water, good grass and plenty of fruit. See Jess Womack, Route 1, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Gasoline range cook stove. All porcelain table top. Good condition. Will trade for any kind of livestock.—Mrs. W. D. Taler, Rhone, Texas.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Bronze Turkey Toms, \$5.00; hens \$3.00.—A. L. Craig, Rt. 1, Alvord.

FOR SALE—A good upright Starr Piano.—See Mrs. Connie Shults, Decatur.

FOR SALE—600 egg incubator, separator, farming tools.—See Reed's Washateria, Phone 221, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE—One walking cultivator; one iron wheel wagon.—S. A. Phillips, Decatur, Rte. 1.

FOR SALE—60 lbs. country lard at 8 1-2c per lb.—Mrs. Robert Howard, Rte. 1, Greenwood, Texas.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—for cattle, 1936 Ford Pick-up. See Clyde Parrish, Rt. 4, Decatur.

FOR SALE—We have some Rhode Island, blood tested, purebred stock.—Mrs. Elva Mooney, 3 miles west on Jacksboro Highway, Rte. 1, Decatur.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—50 bales good out hay and 100 bales Johnson grass hay.—G. L. Dickenson, Decatur, Rte. 1.

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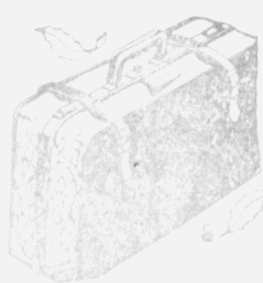
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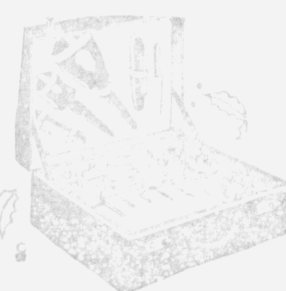
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By Jewel Patterson, H. D. Agent

1. That to make the best grade of butter, a home maker should never

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2. That the term "spud", once was a popular equivalent for potato, originated from the initials of a diatetical society, now deceased, called the society

for the prevention of unwholesome diet.

3. That to avoid reduction in yield, strawberry plants should be covered with a clean straw mulch about three inches deep when the temperature

reaches 200 Fahrenheit.

4. That it is a good health practice to keep growing plants in the living rooms in day hours during winter because they increase the amount of oxygen and decrease the carbon dioxide in the air but that they should not be kept in sleeping rooms at night because, in the absence of sun or strong light, they give off carbon dioxide.

melted fat over the turkey to protect the skin as much as possible. Smoked turkeys are seldom stuffed but if stuffing is desired, very little salt should be used in the seasoning. Smoked turkey may be served hot or cold. It makes a delicious cold meat for lunch or supper. Baked apples, broiled peaches and pears, and sautéed apple make nice garnishes for these turkeys.

whiskey. We thank God for these two men who are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, and have the love of God in their hearts, that they count it an honor to stand up and give their testimony against whiskey to help some one else find joy and peace in their heart.

Bro. Vess has gone to Hutchinson, Kansas, to be with Bro. J. B. Watson in a few days Bible school. He will return this week-end to have charge of both morning and evening services. We will study the 1 and 2 chapters of Matthew for our Sunday school lesson this, coming Lord's day. Come and bring some one with you.

Young peoples' meeting and prayer service 6:00 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Bible Study every Tuesday at 3:00 o'clock.

Bro. Vess will bring the message on Booze and its danger and a Christian's Attitude toward Booze" on the street Saturday afternoon. You will hear some startling facts he will give on the amount of whiskey that has been sold here in Decatur and Wise County.

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People who have never eaten smoked turkey have a treat in store for them. And while smoking a turkey requires more time than just roasting one, the finished product pays big dividends, according to George P. McCarthy, poultry husbandman for the A. & M. College Extension Service and Nora Ellen Elliott, extension specialist in food preparation.

Curing the turkey is the first step. Prepare the turkey for roasting, removing the tendons from the legs, and cool the bird over night. Then make a brine solution containing six pounds of salt, three pounds of sugar, three ounces of salt peter, and four and one-half gallons of water. This mixture is sufficient to cover two turkeys packed in an 8 gallon crock. Should you desire to cure more than two turkeys make sufficient brine to cover all of them. Be sure to use an earthenware crock. The size will be determined by the number of turkeys to be cured. Submerge the birds and weight them down to see that all parts are covered by the mixture. Then place in a cooling vault with a temperature of 34 to 38 degrees F. for two weeks.

At the end of the first week, stir the mixture and change the positions of the turkeys. At the end of the second week remove turkeys from brine, wash in tap water, and place back in the cooling vault for 24 hours.

The turkeys are then ready to be smoked. Hang them in a cloth sack made of thin cheese cloth or similar material and smoke for 8 to 12 hours or until a good nutbrown color is obtained. Good woods for smoking are hickory, oak, and pecan. Other good materials are good clean corn cobs or any of the hard woods. Be sure to avoid resinous woods such as pine, McCarthy warns.

In cooking smoked turkey, Miss Elliott says: "Place turkey in a utensil large enough to cover it with cold water and bring to a simmering point (185 F.) and then drain. Add 3 cups of water, cover and bake in a moderate oven (300 F.) for 20 minutes per pound. Baste occasionally. If covered roaster is not available, strip with bacon or place a cloth dipped in

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Rev. Loys Vess, Pastor

The Lord blessed us with a wonderful day this past Lord's day as 137 assembled together to worship Him, the true living God.

Bro. Washburn led the singing. Rev. Vess read the 19 Rev. for devotional study, then the class assembled in their classes for the study of the 34 and 35 chapters of Isaiah.

Bro. Vess brought a very good message at the 11 o'clock hour.

The evening message was truly a blessing to all who heard. Rev. Vess took as his text, "Booze and its Dangers and Christian Attitude toward Booze."

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. John Wallace gave their testimony against

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It rained and poured—but you can't keep folks away from a Real Savings Event. We are delighted with the response to our first Sale in 16 years. We have many fine things that you can pick up at these Special Savings.. We want you to share in these REMOVAL, REMODELING SALE BARGAINS. Just follow the Crowds to the Biggest, Busiest Furniture Sale ever Staged in Wise County.

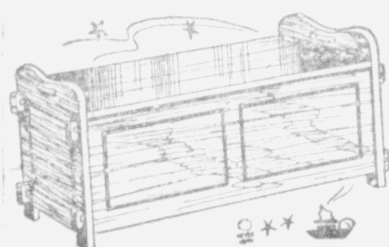
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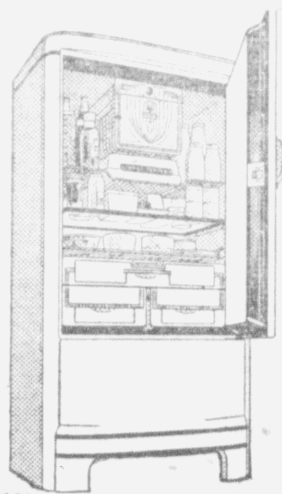
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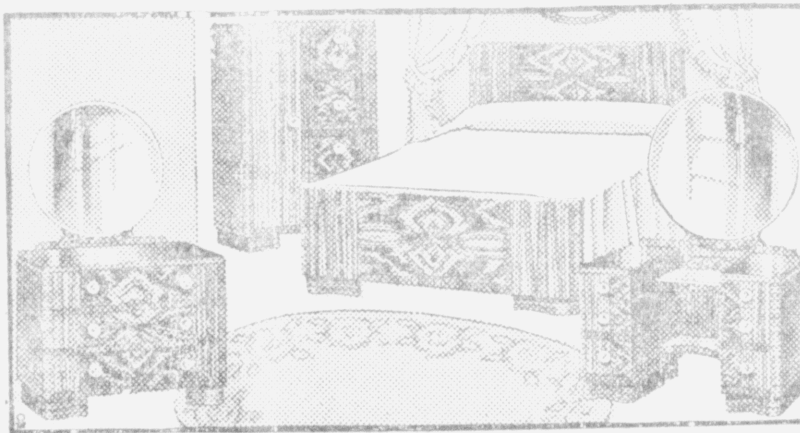
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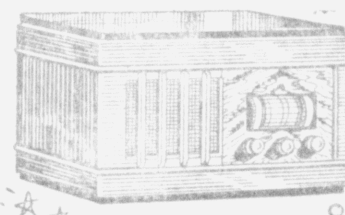
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Walnut or Maple finish bedroom suite at a store-crowding price. You better hurry for this bargain.

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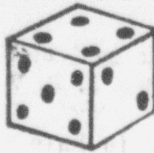
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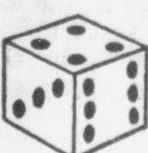
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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
Since the Spirit of Christmas is in the air, the program committee conferred with Santa Claus who suggested two assembly programs. On December 12, 1940, Santa is sending his story teller, Miss Isabelle Hunt, and his choir director, Mr. W. T. Lovelace. Santa warns us to be prepared December 19 as the "Pampered Darling" will visit the school. "The Pampered Darling" is the story of a spoiled "brat" who almost succeeds in spoiling his sisters' holiday plans, but who is brought to his just desserts by sister's resourceful lover and his clever

colleague, Dr. Rudy. Max Weaver, Victor, is the "Pampered Darling," who loses his voice. James Allen Parr, the "German" doctor who restores it. Other characters are Ann Hinkle and Virginia Ann Christian, Victor's sisters; Jack Carr, the lover, Kathleen Brown, the house keeper; Jack Little, the talker-out-of-turn; and Kathryn Jackson, Iris McDaniel, and Jerry Carson, friends of the family. Elton McCurdy is Victor's friend. Elizabeth Renshaw is the student director.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF
That cute new boy fell for another red head of the opposite sex, Miss Betty Johnson?
Royce Curtis went with Jean Bryant?
Mr. Mote met that certain girl?
Margaret and Hoyt went back together?
Jane and Max went steady?

Dorothy Lamour lived in Decatur?
'Curren and Zelya broke up?
Boys didn't flirt back?
Goo Goo really got a date with Minnie Slimp?

None of the football boys took dates to the football banquet?

LETTERS TO SANTA
Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a great big doll named Emma Ruth. I like the one that when squeezed, she cries Wendell. Don't forget.
Wendell.

Santa,
I certainly would like to have a beautiful doll with black curls, cute nose, and white snow boots. Thanks.
Alfred Berg.

Dear Santa,
Please send me an Army uniform. If possible put a soldier boy in it named Bill.
I'll be waiting.
Benny.

Dear St. Nick,
I would like for you to bring me a beautiful red headed baby doll. I'll bet Betty would be a good name for her. Your annual friend,
Spud Keith.

Dear Ole Santa Claus,
If you really want to, you can bring me a date for the football banquet. That's one thing that I would really like to have.
A Pep Squad Girl.

Santa Claus,
I want the boy that my girl friends are teasing me about. (That's a date for the football banquet anyway). Love,
Naomi Cartwright.

ECHOES FROM THE SCHOOL ROOM
Contralto is the low sort of music that only ladies can sing.
Dust is mud with the juice squeezed out.
A republic is a country where no one can do anything in private.
Matrimony is a place where souls suffer for a time on account of their sins.
Tarzan is a short name for the American flag. Its full name is Tarzan Etripes.
If the Forth Bridge collapsed they would build a fifth.
Lady Godiva was a jockey and Joan of Arc was given this title because, after taking Orleans, she was married to Noah.
Shavians were a Russian race with a Spartan sense of humor.
Grapefruit: A lemon that has been given a chance and took advantage of it.
Steam: Water gone crazy with the heat.
Laugh: Showing in one spot the way you feel all over.
Wind: Air in a hurry.
Egg: A chicken not yet.
Bore: A man who talks about himself when you want to talk about you.
A Garden Plot: The bugs and worms planning to eat your stuff up.
Synonym: A word you use when you can't spell the other one.
Intuition: That strange something that tells women they are right when they're wrong.
Excelsior: Long sawdust.
Good Sport: One who will always let ty your way.

JOKE
He—Please.
She—No.
He—Pretty Please.
She—Positively No.
He—Well, gee Ma, all of the other boys go barefooted.

OUR FLAG
There it is! proudly waving above our heads reminding us of the glories it stands for. We can gaze at its dazzling blend of colors for hours, thinking of them; freedom of speech, press, and worship; liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; equality of opportunity. We have to stop and think what the colors commemorate. The proud snow-white stripes stand for

Lemon Juice Recipe Checks Rheumatic Pain Quickly
If you suffer from rheumatic, arthritis or neuritis pain, try this simple inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Ro-Ex Compound today. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy. Pleasant and no trouble at all. You need only 2 tablespoonfuls two times a day. Often within 48 hours — sometimes overnight — splendid results are obtained. If the pains do not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, Ro-Ex will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money-back guarantee. Ro-Ex Compound is for sale and recommended by

CITY PHARMACY

purity of our nation and for the far-reaching liberty which every single American can enjoy. All Americans may have the justice suggested by the stately background of colorful blue. One cannot help but gaze upon "Old Glory" with awe as he thinks of what the bloody hue of those ancestors as they came to this country several hundred years ago. They came here because they could not worship as they pleased in their own country. They founded a democracy so that they could enjoy freedom they had not been receiving. They endured countless hardships and sometimes encountered starvation face to face. They fought gallantly in endless battles and shed blood for the freedom we enjoy today.

When John was almost sent to prison he saw the error of his ways and gave the money back to people he had stolen it from and asked Neal Ward if he still wanted to marry Jeanette. Neal said he wanted Jeanette for a wife and so they were happily married.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE STARTS

In an effort to create a new interest in football the coaches of the high school have started a new contest between the Sophomores and the Freshmen. There are four different teams and each will have its own plays and captains. Equipment will be issued to those coming out, this is done to create new interests in football. This will start teaching the boys the art of football and making new equipment material for future use. The editor thinks this is a good idea and have seen it done in several schools.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 20

Everyone must buy a ticket to go to the Sophomore Christmas Party at Rogers hall, December 20, 1940. The tickets are 25c per couple. You are expected to buy one and come along. There shall be fun for everybody. So let's be there.

BOOK REVIEW OF THE WEEK

"A Certain Rich Man" was written by William Allen White and it was dedicated to his mother. This story was written during the last years of the first decade of the twentieth century.

A Certain Rich Man, is John Barclay who lets money make a machine out of him. John Barclay, as a small boy runs off from home to go with the men to war. As a boy of high school age he formed a club of which he was president. The boys of the club borrowed money from John and he usually had his pockets full of knives that he had taken for interest.

After he had come back from college he started a wheat company. He made money illegally and used that money to buy more companies or force them to close their factory by underselling them.

When John Barclay came home from college he found his sweetheart

had died but after a year or two had passed he fell in love again and married.
All the time John was growing richer his daughter Jeanette was growing up. She was eighteen when she came to live at Sycamore, the town where John had his first mill and where she was born. There she met a young man whom she fell in love with. Her father took him in his mill and gave him a job. When the governor had to tell them John had gotten inspector came around and Neal ten his money illegally. When this happened John fired him and forbade him to marry Jeanette.

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Mrs. Bert Hawkins and son, Bobby, of Bridgeport visited her parents here Tuesday.

Be Quick To Treat Bronchitis

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

Creomulsion blends beechwood creosote by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics.

No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. (Adv.)

ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR!

Relieve Her of the Holiday Drudgery
SEND YOUR LAUNDRY, CLEANING
AND HAT WORK TO THE
FORT WORTH LAUNDRY
J. D. Manning, Local Representative
IN DECATUR EACH WEEKDAY

CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN WAY!

Serve a Genuine Old-Fashioned
CHRISTMAS DINNER
With All the Trimmings
Your greatest delicacies will be Fresh
Fruits, Fresh Vegetables, Nuts and
Beverages...

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Fresh Dates. Calvos. Cocoanuts. Delicious Apples. D'Anjou Pears, are only a few of the many rare foods provided for you in the stores of home-owned independent retail dealers.

Listen for the Whistle... Keith's Fruit Express Every week day...
KGO, 570 Kcs... 8:15 A. M.

For Two Years
WE HAVE BEEN IN DECATUR
Our Business Has Shown a Substantial
Growth, We Appreciate this.
To customers we sincerely solicit your
continued patronage, To prospective
customers we solicit your business
based on our courteous service and competitive prices.

**MAY A MERRY CHRISTMAS BE
FOLLOWED BY A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR**
CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.
GEO. M. MOORE, Local Manager

SPECIAL SAVINGS

for the THRIFTY

Mdl. A Muffler & Exhaust Assbly	98c
Ford Cylinder Head	\$2.98
Mdl. A Shackles, front or rear, set	39c
Fan Belts, Each	19c up
Mdl. A Manifold Gaskets, set	15c
Curved V-8 Radiator Hose, each	25c up
Spark Plugs, 10,000 mile guarantee	
In Sets, each	20c
Ford V-8 Brake Rods, each	17c
Starter Springs, each	11c up
Mdl. A Horn Switch & Light Rod Assby	69c
Chev. '25-'29 Rear Axle, each	89c
Floor Mats, for all cars	49c up
Mdl. A Water Pump Repair Kit	49c
Chev. Oil Pumps, each	98c up
Ignition Cable Set for late Chev.	29c
Sealed Beam Headlights	98c
Hot Water Heaters, each	\$3.98 up

SINGLETON'S—
Lion Auto Store

TO Mother

"From the Family"

GIVING PRESENTS TO Mother is surely among the topmost joys of Christmas. She is so appreciative of the loving thoughtfulness which prompts each gift. Mothers enjoy practical gifts. Electrical things are practical. They are beautiful, too. Here are a few suggestions for gifts to Mother... "from the Family":

Irons	\$ 2.45 up	Waffle Irons	\$ 2.95
Refrigerators	89.50 up	Grills	4.95
Mixers	12.85 up	Vacuum Cleaners	39.95
Clocks	2.95 up	Electric Ranges	99.50
Radio, Table Console	9.95 up	I. E. S. Lamps	2.95
Toasters	1.65 up	Clothes Washers	49.95
Roasters	14.95 up	Irons	29.75

Shop Early at Stores where you can

THERE is a greater variety of Electrical Things this year than ever before... making it possible to include everyone on your Electrical Gift List. Stores where Electrical Things are sold are truly Christmas Shopping Headquarters. Shop early!

GIVE SOMETHING
Electrical
THIS CHRISTMAS

ELECTRICAL GIFTS will bring double joy: First, because they are so lovely; and, second, because their use brings comfort and convenience at low cost. TP&L's cheap electricity adds to the joy through the years of each electrical gift.

TEXAS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE DEALER

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
GIVE LITTLE TO MANY... GREAT LITTLE TO ALL

R. B. Boydston Dies On Wednesday Morning, Nov. 20th.

One of Wise County's most respected citizens was called away to his final home on Wednesday morning, November 20.

Although sent in late by mistake, I here briefly state his life:

A gentleman in the highest and best sense of the word, courteous, gentle, kindly, always ready to do a kind deed or say a good word for those he came in contact with day by day.

A true Christian in every respect, always working for his saviour.

Robert Birdine Boydston was born the year 1883. While a young man he

was married to Miss Florence Givens. They continued to make their home Wise County until his death.

While a young man he gave his heart to God and had lived faithfully, raising their children in a Christian home.

This family was always ready to lend a helpful hand to anyone that needed it and their home was always open to anyone in trouble or bereaved. So good a man can not live for a lengthened term of years in a community, without leaving his impress in the betterment of those he came in contact with. It was surely so with Mr. Boydston. Many will silently thank God their lives ran parallel with his here in Wise County.

Funeral services were held at the Fundamental Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. J. H. Heathington and Pastor Loys Vess, who gave comforting assurance by a happy reunion

where parting will be no more. He was laid to rest in Sweetwater cemetery on Thursday, November 21 at 2:00 o'clock. He leaves a wife and three children, Mrs. Augie Compton, Rotan Texas; Clifford Boydston, Stoneburg, Texas; Mrs. Bill Gage, Decatur, Texas; five grandchildren, one brother, three sisters, a host of friends and loved ones to mourn his going.

But to those who were closer to him, the wife, son and daughters, the thought that shall grow dearer and dearer as the years soften the bereavement that his love was ever true and firm. His example was always on the side of truth and righteousness and his influence with them and his neighbors was strong for things of greater importance for matters of eternal worth. To them we write this word of consolation. He has gone to the God he loved and the Savior he trusted. He is only waiting on the other side,

the borderline of expectation, to greet each one answering the same call, and they shall go meet him in that great reunion which is eternal.

May the God of all consolation wipe the tears from your eyes.

And the bright day of star of hope dawn in your lives. So when your days on earth are ended, you shall go to God you love so well, and like your loved one, be forever with our Lord.—Contributed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Paschell and daughter of Bridgeport attended the shower of Miss Martha Belew last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Matthews of Arlington spent a few days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Dunaway and family.

Conservation Assn. Officers Elected For Wise County

The annual election of the Wise County Agricultural Conservation Association Officer was held December 13 and December 14. This association is the association which is formed under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration Act of 1938 for the purpose of administering the A. A. A. program in Wise County.

Mr. A. B. Van Meter, who was president of the Wise County Agricultural Conservation Association in 1940, announces the following men have been elected to serve the association in 1941:

County Committee

Chairman Archie B. Van Meter
Vice Chairman Elbert B. Brown
Regular member Guy A. Collier
First alternate Louis A. Fultz
Second alternate Carl W. Slay

Community Committee, Bridgeport

Chairman Joe Bill Bowlin
Vice chairman M. A. Linehan
Regular member Dewey Hartzell
First alternate Quint P. Bradford
Second alternate N. T. Denton

Rhame Community

Chairman Carl W. Slay
Vice chairman George Taylor
Regular member Joe Thurmond

John Marian Trussell Dies December 5th

John Marian Trussell was born in Alabama, June 22, 1860. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Franklin Trussell, early settlers in this country. J. M. Trussell lived in Mississippi until grown. He came to Texas and married Miss Minnie Castle at Georgetown, Texas, March 11, 1886. They lived there six years. They moved to Texas and settled near Boyd, Texas and have lived in this county about 48 years.

Their union was blessed with eight children, Brandon, Marie, Gayle, Wayne and Quentin Trussell. Daughters, Mesdames Mable Meador, Zoda Dickson and Mada Graham. Seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Brothers and sisters surviving are Mose, Will and Wash Trussell. Sisters, Mrs. George Norman and Mrs. Yancy Worsham.

At the age of 32 he professed belief in his Saviour and joined the Baptist Church at Pleasant Grove.

He departed from this life December 5, 1940, at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 13 days. He was buried in Boyd cemetery. The services were in charge of Rev. J. L. Ward and Rev. Cook of the First Baptist church of Boyd, Texas.

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NEW 1941 MODEL—ADVERTISING SPECIAL

5 Days Only

Sensational Sale of Nationally Advertised Genuine Ivory Cushioned Grip \$15 Underwood DE LUXE Shaver

ONLY 200 to be SOLD at this FIVE DAY Sale. By arrangement with the manufacturer of this nationally advertised \$15 dry shaver, we are positively limited to 200 only. GET YOURS IMMEDIATELY.

White Ivory Case, Pigskin Pouch

NO CATCH to this—Just Pay \$1.99 and it's Yours. You'll get the thrill of your life when you use the new Underwood Dry Shaver. Just plug in socket and shave—no water, blades, soap or brush. Will pay for itself; nothing else to buy.

If You Can't Attend This Sale, Leave Money Before Sale and Shaver Will Be Held for You

CITY PHARMACY

MAIL ORDERS ADD 10c

NEW 1941 MODEL—ADVERTISING SPECIAL

Offer Good Ntntil December 24

\$1.99

LIFETIME GUARANTEE Sample on Display

Women's "Build-Up"

Women's headaches, nervousness, cramp-like pain may be symptoms of functional dysmenorrhea due to malnutrition, so often relieved by CARDUI. Principal way it helps is by increasing appetite, stimulating flow of gastric juices and so improving digestion and helping to build physical resistance. Another way you may find CARDUI helpful in reducing periodic distress: Take it a few days before and during "the time." Used for 50 years.

New Asst. Home Dem. Agent To Arrive Here Dec. 29

Miss Louise Baier, teacher of Home Economics in San Gabriel, Texas is expected to arrive in Decatur December 29, to take up the duties of Assistant Home Demonstration Agent of Wise County; she is to take the place of Miss Alice Barrett who is to be married on January 1. Miss Baier is a graduate of the high school in Brenham, her home town, and of the University of Texas.

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FULL BLOOD—Duroc sow and 8 pigs. Prize blood lines. State Fair, \$50.00 for lot, or trade for heifers. Pigs worth \$10.00 at weaning.—See Lenington Beall Farm E. Decatur. 5tp-47

First alternate Dale Maeyers
Second alternate Harold Van Meter

Decatur Community

Chairman Jewel Mara
Vice chairman E. B. Fortenberry
Regular member Will D. Phillips
First alternate Archie G. Hoyl
Second alternate Keith Cates

Chico Community

Chairman Earl Stone
Vice chairman T. T. Watson
Regular member K. H. Duck
First alternate W. M. Culverhouse
Second alternate L. E. Board

Chairman A. B. Van Meter states that the foregoing officers were elected by a majority of the votes of the various communities under procedure outlined by the State Committee for elections. He states that it is the sincere desire of all officers elected to serve their communities and Wise County to the best of their ability. The cooperation of every farmer in the county is urgently solicited.

Mr. Van Meter states that two men who served as officers in 1940 were found to be ineligible to serve in 1941, due to the fact that they had been elected to serve as Precinct Chairman for the Democratic Party. These men were Mr. J. E. Witherspoon of Greenwood and Mr. O. T. Finlayson of Rhame.

He states that during the past year the officers of the association have enjoyed the splendid spirit of cooperation which has been to great advantage in their effort to properly administer the AAA program in this county.

The Chairman called to our attention the results of the marketing quota referendum which was held in Wise County on December 7. He stated that the high percentage of farmers voting for marketing quotas (89.5 per cent against the previous year of slightly less than 70 per cent) indicated that the AAA program is coming to be appreciated more deeply by the farmers of the county. He states that in view of the present disorganized condition of foreign trade and uncertain prospects for future demands, farmers have found in the AAA a stabilizing influence, and that the AAA Farm Program alone is performing at this time to prevent disastrous conditions to the farmers of the county and nation.

A. B. VAN METER,
President Wise County A. C. A.

Our Customers Wrote This Advertisement

Recently we asked a large number of our customers this question, "If you could have only one wish for this Christmas, what would it be?" Almost without exception the answer came back, "Good Health!"

Truly, there is no more precious possession than good health. In the light of real value, all other things shrink to insignificance by comparison.

GIVE US "GOOD HEALTH" AND WE'LL MANAGE THE REST.

WE PUT "GOOD HEALTH" AT THE HEAD OF THE LIST AT OUR HOUSE.

AFTER ALL, "GOOD HEALTH" PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS IN HAPPINESS.

I DON'T KNOW OF ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN "GOOD HEALTH."

"GOOD HEALTH" HAS BEEN LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SUCCESS.

...and we have this to add about health protection

America has made great progress in stamping out many diseases that have threatened the health of the nation. However, the common cold is responsible for more than two hundred million illnesses each year. Therefore, along with our Christmas wishes of "Good Health to you and your family," we add this practical suggestion... guard against catching cold!

This is the season of the year when strict precaution against catching cold is of vital importance. Any sudden change of temperature, such as occurs when you go from a warm room into an unheated part of the house, chills your body and makes you an easy prey to the attack of the cold germ. Play safe! Don't give a common cold an even break! Provide adequate heat and a circulation of pure, warm air in every room of your house during the short winter season.

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YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE

Lone Star Gas Co.

Supplying Natural Gas to Your Local Distributing Company

Have You Tried Our CLEANING AND PRESSING?

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH Let Us Pick Up and Deliver During Bad Fall Weather

Liberty Cleaners

Junior Womans Club Meets Tuesday

The Junior Womans Club met Tuesday, December 17th., at 4:00 p. m. at the home of Miss Doris Dodson. Miss Mae Campbell presided over the meeting. Each member of the club told a Christmas custom of some foreign land. Miss Dixie Crockett reviewed the story, "The Other Wise Man." The club, led by Miss Elouise Mauldin, sang Christmas Carols. The hostess served refreshments to:

Mmes. W. C. Milligan, J. T. Taylor, T. G. Renshaw, Ben Fowler, and W. M. Kincaid; Misses Alice Barrett, Jewel Patterson, Calva Tilghman, La Vane Griggs, Elouise Mauldin, Francis Dawson, Mae Campbell, Doris Davis, Anna Elyse Cook, Dixie Crockett, and Isabelle Hunt.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

The young people of the Fundamental Baptist Church met Sunday evening at their regular time at 6:00 o'clock. Though the weather was unpleasant, the Lord was pleased to send a group of young people out to the service.

The subjects discussed were, "Christ and His Attitude Toward His Mother" and "Facts About the Bible". The Missionary offering was taken up at the close of the class, which will go to Brother Matthews, who has charge of the Spanish Missions in San Antonio, Texas.

The subject to be discussed next Sunday is "If God Should Take a Vacation." This is going to be a very interesting talk I'm sure. We trust it will be a blessing to all who are present.

LAVELLE MATNEY, Reporter.

The Church of Christ

Martin S. Hoffman, Minister

December 22, 1940

Bible School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching and Communion 10:45 a. m.
Morning Sermon: "The Babe in a Manger."

Young People's Meeting 6:15 p. m. (Lesson Matt. 5:27-32).

Preaching at 7:00 p. m. Evening Sermon: "Bible Characteristics."

Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:00 p. m. (Lesson 1 Cor. 16:10-24).

Due to the time of the year and the spirit of the people, we are going to preach on a different subject than one of a series of sermons to be delivered on The Church. We believe that you would enjoy the services Sunday.

Friend, if you don't attend church any place, we cordially invite you to come and worship with us Sunday.

First Baptist Church

A large and enthusiastic crowd heard the Messiah at the First Baptist Church last Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were congratulated by many people for bringing to Decatur this superb musical production.

Pastor and Mrs. Bell extend to all their friends their heartiest good wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The First Baptist Church faces the new year with gratitude for the rich blessings of the past and high hopes for abundant blessings upon the labors of the year ahead. There is little use of living unless we do something to make the world better, and the First Baptist Church offers rare opportunities for rendering service where it is most needed.

The pastor is grateful for the widespread interest among the members in making the church as useful as possible, and he prays the blessing of God upon every one.

R. E. BELL, Pastor.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to you who came to the opening of our Funeral Home; and to thank you for the many beautiful floral offerings you were so generous in sending.

Your loyalty and assistance helped to make it such a pleasant afternoon, despite the inclement weather.

Very sincerely,

MR AND MRS. C. L. CHRISTIAN

Pontiac Company Working 9-Hour Day

Determined to reduce its bank of unfilled orders and insure prompt deliveries, Pontiac Motor Division's factories are working 9-hour days, according to D. U. Bathrick, general sales manager.

The added hour means 110 extra Pontiacs a day, production experts estimate. Since the beginning of the 1941 model year Pontiac frequently has worked six day weeks. Effectiveness of the overtime work is shown in the decline of Pontiac's unfilled orders from 20,419 on October 31 to 15,933 on November 30.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST—Pair dark rimmed glasses in brown case. Finder please return to H. M. McGee, Krum, Texas. 1tp-49

FOR SALE—Two galvanized flues, first class condition. A bargain.—R. M. (Buck) Collins. tf

WANTED—Lady for general housework. Apply to Mrs. Glenn Cocconougher or Phone 116.

FOR SALE—We have some Rhode Island, blood tested, pure bred stock.

—Mrs. Elva Mooney, 3 miles west on Jacksboro Highway. 49

PIANO—Repossessed Spinnet Model, will sell for balance due easy monthly payments. Also Brand New Sample, built by Kimball at big discount. Write Credit Adjuster, Wholesale Dept., P. O. Box 1432, Fort Worth. 4t-51

WE WANT TO BUY—A 500 acre improved farm. Must be near Decatur. Timber pasture land required. Address all replies to P. O. Box 164, Archer City, Texas. 4tp-51

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Ila Mae' couldn't think of one thing to say, for a few seconds as she was so surprised and happy for the chapter.

The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Mr. Otis Bailey expressed the Chapter's appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Rogers

Miss Renhaw—

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22nd at the Presbyterian Chapel in

College Station. After a wedding trip to South Texas and in the Valley, the bride and groom will live in College Station.

Martha Belew—

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large red bowl as the center piece. A

sterling silver service was presided over by Miss Mada Walker.

Fifty guests were present and many sent gifts who could not attend.

Miss Belew, wore a beautiful black frock trimmed in dusty pink. The couple will make their home in Mississippi, after their marriage December 24 at the Methodist Church.

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